UCF delivers on its commitment to be the number one partnership university through several of its divisions, including the Division of Community Relations. This commitment significantly affects and enhances the economic development, cultural relevance and the social and environmental setting of the community it serves. Every activity executed strives to strengthen existing partnerships or cultivate new ones, as well as expand regional awareness of the educational assets, and intellectual capital housed within our institution. Division staff leverage their relationship capital to enlist the support of external thought-leaders, and community and business leaders, for the benefit of UCF and the community at large. Community engagement, via partnerships to which we bring an investment of time, expertise and/or sponsorships, results in a gainful, thriving community.

The departments within the Division of Community Relations share authority, responsibility and accountability for community engagement. As in previous years, staff continue to serve as ambassadors to the external community by speaking upon invitation at community and business functions, supporting fundraising events for non-profit entities and facilitating efforts that encouraged strategic collaborations. In a highly austere financial environment, investments in the local chambers of commerce have proven to be the most efficient and cost effective engagement and communication vehicles. Through our division, the university holds memberships, and actively participates in 10 chambers of commerce. Collectively, division staff served in 66 leadership roles, i.e., boards, executive committees, during FY 2011-2012.

VISION:

The University of Central Florida is a comprehensive metropolitan university with a combination of academic excellence and commitment to its social, economic, cultural and environmental setting. The Division of Community Relations serves as both the internal and external liaison accomplishing the university’s goals by connecting UCF to the community through faculty, student and staff relationships, partnerships, collaborations, events and other community engagement.

MISSION:

The mission of the Division of Community Relations is to cultivate, maintain and enhance the link between UCF and the various publics which it serves and to create and implement community-based programs to increase knowledge and understanding of the university within key external communities.

DIVISION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Maintain, strengthen and develop relationships with city, county and state officials as well as with representatives of economic development, health care and community agencies.
2. Develop, coordinate and foster partnerships encompassing internal university participants and external community participants promoting economic development initiatives and entrepreneurship.

3. Develop, plan, and coordinate opportunities designed to highlight the president of the university, his goals and his vision.

4. Maintain and strengthen chamber of commerce relationships.

5. Continue to develop and coordinate community initiatives focused on economic development, social issues and service opportunities furthering integration within the community.

The Office of Community Relations maintains constant involvement with the immediate external community in an effort to position the university as a community resource, an intellectual hub, and a community asset. Community Relations staff achieves this by partnering with internal departments, and external organizations, holding leadership roles in key local organizations, i.e., chambers of commerce, maintaining relationships with city, county, and state officials, as well as representatives of economic development, healthcare and community agencies. In addition, the office is responsible for communicating with neighbors and groups in proximity to the university to build awareness and support for university initiatives.

During FY 11-12, Community Relations participated in, hosted, facilitated, strategically identified UCF representatives, or sponsored over 100 programs held in the tri-county area, Orange, Osceola and Seminole.

The Office of Constituent Relations implements high-profile events for the president of the University of Central Florida. Constituent Relations provides staff support, management, administrative direction, coordination and control of events and activities for academic programs, donors and campus-related events. Each event showcases the education and research opportunities available at the University of Central Florida by highlighting the talent of the students, faculty and staff. Every event venue brings the community, donors, partners, alumni, students, faculty, and staff together to tell the story of their particular academic program and how it enhances the education available at the university.

In FY 11-12, the Office of Constituent Relations coordinated or consulted on 100 events for the president of the university. Each event touched upon the goals of the university by showcasing the undergraduate and graduate programs, international programs, research, diversity and partnerships.

The Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies serves as a place where government leaders, business executives and academic experts come together to discuss major issues facing the State of Florida. The center works in partnership with other institutions and organizations committed to a shared future that advances economic prosperity and development. Every forum, presentation, event, and Metro Center Outlook show highlights community outreach and awareness. The Metro Center accomplishes its goals by:

- Sponsoring speakers, conferences and other forums on critical economic issues
- Building partnerships and communicating at all levels, from within the university to the community
- Expanding regional awareness through UCF Metro Center Outlook and Metro Center Presents programming
- Facilitating research efforts on timely economic and regional issues
The **Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives** sharpens UCF’s international focus. The office helps advance UCF’s goal of providing international emphasis to curricula and research. In addition, it works to expand the university's efforts to enlarge Central Florida's awareness and understanding of the interconnectedness of the global community.

During FY 11-12, the Office of the Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives (GP), which served more than 30,000 people, focused its efforts on the following:

- Forums on international topics (sponsored or co-sponsored, on and off campus)
- Partnerships (all levels, regional to international)
- In-house publications, journals and other academic/professional publications, and print/broadcast/electronic media

The **Division of Community Relations’ 2011-2012 programs, and activities helped advance UCF’s strategic goals in the following ways:**

**Goal One: Offer the best undergraduate education:**

Division staff assist and advise external groups that provide scholarships to undergraduate UCF students such as Florida Executive Women (FEW), the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, and the UCF Town and Gown Council. Due to this involvement, UCF students are the recipients of approximately 75% of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship (HHSFMO) awards, and FEW Scholarship applications have increased by approximately 45% since FY 10-11.

Under the leadership of the vice president, the external and internal communities came together to kick off the 2011 football season at the UCF Countdown to Kickoff Luncheon. The Division of Community Relations worked with UCF Athletics to raise the money necessary to run the event as well as provide scholarships for student athletes. The event drew over 1,200 community and business leaders and resulted in $50,000 in scholarship funds for student athletes. This amount brings the total amount of scholarship dollars raised for student-athletes in the past 3 years to more than $125,000.

The Office of Constituent Relations houses the President’s Leadership Council (PLC), comprised of 35 undergraduate students who serve as ambassadors for the university and the Office of the President. PLC members are chosen for their excellence in leadership, scholarship and service to the university and the Orlando community. Constituent Relations, in conjunction with the president’s office, oversees the
development, support and training of each individual member. The President’s Leadership Council has proven to be a valuable asset to UCF and the community. The members contributed over 4,250 service hours while hosting university functions and touring distinguished university guests, and the members are also active in recruiting new students. For a complete listing of Constituent Relations activities advancing goal 1, please see addendum 2.

The Metro Center provided internship opportunities for political science majors who assist with research while working closely with the director for the Metro Center Outlook programs. The internships provide undergraduate students with access to a unique selection of prominent community and state leaders through public forums and guest segments on the TV show.

The Office of Global Perspectives provided undergraduate students access to a unique selection of prominent specialists with international backgrounds – in the classroom, through digital video conferences and teleconferences, in public forums, and via internships, fellowships and scholarships related to its global activities, the Diplomacy Program (coordinated by Ambassador Elam-Thomas), terrorism studies (coordinated by Dr. Sloan), The India Center (co-chaired by John Bersia), the Kurdish Political Studies Initiative (co-directed by John Bersia), the China-Taiwan Cross-Strait Program (co-directed by John Bersia), the Global Peace and Security Studies Program (co-directed by John Bersia), the Human Trafficking Awareness Program (chaired by John Bersia), the Isle of Man Small Countries Program at UCF (chaired by John Bersia and coordinated by Jessica Gagnon) and the Middle Eastern Studies Program (advisory board co-chaired by John Bersia). Examples of specialists included Anthony Shadid, Samantha Nutt, Peter Bergen, Arun Gandhi, Rose Mapendo, Thomas Mann, Ayesha Khanna, James McBride, Alexandra Cousteau, Jeremy Sahill and others. The Office also hosted 40 interns, fellows, scholars, volunteers and other assistants during the year. For a list of programs, featuring distinguished visitors, advancing goal one, please see addendum 3.

**Goal Two: Achieve international prominence in key programs of graduate study and research:**

Community Relations divisional staff provided counsel, time, and strategic support to other UCF programs, including the College of Graduate Studies, the College of Medicine, Career Services and Experiential Learning Office, UCF Athletics Department, and the College of Business Executive Development Center (EDC), to name a few. The EDC hosted its fourth cohort of students from Spain’s EOI Business School’s MBA program with close collaboration from the office of Community Relations for
development of the curricula, identification of resources and procurement of internal and external speakers.

The director of the Metro Center served on the advisory council for the College of Health and Public Affairs Urban Planning Masters program. In that capacity, the director assisted with bringing community individuals in as classroom lecturers blending real world experience with theoretical applications. The Masters program with community assistance began a ‘speaker’s series’ program this past year. The director had previously assisted with securing community support and monetary sponsorship for the series. As a result of relationships formed, Metroplan Orlando secured Chris Steiner, author of $20 per Gallon as one of the guests for the speaker series and negotiated confirmation to also tape a Metro Center Outlook show at no charge to the center. In addition, the Metro Center director highlighted faculty research in field project portions of the Metro Center Outlook show, suggesting topics and speakers to external sources seeking information and promoted UCF research awareness to audiences where appropriate. For example, Dr. Alan Stern, director of the UCF Florida Space Institute, taped a Metro Center Outlook show which aired in spring 2012. Furthermore, the director facilitated inclusion of a UCF student team in the annual “2012 ULI Florida Summit: The State We’re In” conference held in June 2012. In team competition, the students developed and presented a plan for potential funding of a real estate project to a panel of real estate experts.

The Office of Global Perspectives developed or worked with publications that enhanced UCF’s national and international profile and reputation, along with providing special opportunities for graduate students as research/editorial assistants. Global Perspectives’ Worldviews for the 21st Century monograph series featured globally prominent specialists in the past year: Arun Gandhi, Mariane Pearl, Alexandra Cousteau and Ambassador Gary Grappo. The series, published quarterly, is read by audiences in several countries. The Office’s inaugural terrorism white paper, published on September 11, 2006, continues to circulate worldwide. Books by Global Perspectives scholars are in libraries and used in classrooms in multiple countries.

Goal Three: Provide international focus to our curricula and research programs:

The Metro Center provided opportunities to increase community awareness and knowledge through internationally oriented topics and guests. Former U.S. Senator and Florida Governor, Bob Graham discussed terrorism and uncertainty in the Middle East. Former U.S. Senator Mel Martinez discussed foreign trade and manufacturing with Florida and South America. Gary Sain, CEO and President of Visit Orlando discussed the economic impact of foreign visitors from Europe and South America. Rick Weddle, CEO and President of Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission discussed implications of bringing international industries to the Central Florida region. In addition, the Metro
Center director strategized and developed a plan to incorporate a broader outreach to Hispanic populations by utilizing the Metro Center website and social media. Implementation of the plan will begin the next fiscal year.

The Office of Global Perspectives provided regular opportunities through internationally oriented speaker forums, panel discussions, symposia, digital video conferences, working conferences, dialogues and workshops for students, faculty and the community to enhance classroom and textbook instruction, as well as community awareness. These included: “People Power, Politics and Global Change;” “Women and Leadership: A Global Perspective – Dealing with a World in Turmoil;” “Florida International Summit 2012: Technology, Society and Innovation in an Era of Globalization;” and “UCF Community Summit on Environment and Global Climate Change 2012,” among others. The Global Perspectives director taught two courses, one on Asia in Fall 2011, and an Honors course on the Middle East in Spring 2012. Dr. Sloan, Distinguished Fellow for the Global Perspectives Office, taught two courses, a graduate class on American security policy in fall 2011, and an honors course on terrorism in Spring 2012. Ambassador Elam-Thomas, Diplomacy Program Director, taught an honors diplomacy course in Spring 2012, and conducted information sessions for students interested in foreign service careers. She also served as the advisor for the Diplomacy Studies certificate. Ted Reynolds, Global Connections Fellow of Terrorism Studies for the Global Perspectives Office, taught an intelligence course in Fall 2011. The director of Global Perspectives co-chaired the advisory board for the Middle Eastern Studies Program (incorporating the Middle Eastern Studies Minor, co-curricular activities, etc.). He also secured funding for the new Isle of Man Small Countries Fellowship, the Diplomacy Fellowship and the Alexandra Cousteau Environment and Global Climate Change Fellowship. Finally, GP encouraged and/or published research and commentary of global significance in the areas of terrorism, American foreign policy and India, among others. For a complete list of forums on international topics, advancing goal three, please see addendum 3.

**Goal Four: Become more inclusive and diverse**

Division staff supported, participated and made the university’s resources available to diverse populations by providing support for internal and external community initiatives via sponsorships, committee and board service. Community Relations holds trustee-level membership with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce which serves 1,200 members, and Silver-level membership with the African American Chamber of Commerce, which serves approximately 350 members. In addition, Community Relations staff also participates in the Central Florida Urban League, and Mayor Dyer Martin Luther King Holiday Commission.
The director of the Metro Center participated in local and regional community events held by diverse populations and organizations. As a member of Florida Executive Women, the director assisted with procurement of speakers reflecting topics relevant to leadership and community awareness. Dr. Sean Snaith, UCF’s director of the Institute for Economic Competitiveness began the 2012 new year with an overview of economics in Central Florida and a forecast for the ensuing months. Approximately 75 women attended the luncheon. The Metro Center Outlook shows covered topics this past year including a Veterans Day program featuring two combat wounded veterans (November 2011) and an interview with Ilene Wilkins, CEO of United Cerebral Palsy Central Florida (May 2012). And, in partnership with the Orlando Sentinel, the Metro Center hosted a public forum on the Challenges of Homelessness in Central Florida (June 2012). Approximately 225 people attended the event with additional coverage in newspaper articles. The event was also live streamed and taped for viewing on YouTube, the Metro Center website and the Sentinel website.

The Office of Global Perspectives shared ideas and viewpoints on its main theme for the year, “People Power, Politics and Global Change,” as well as for other themes or series, “Environment and Global Climate Change” and “Breaking News: On the Frontlines of Crises.” These focused on a multitude of other topics – political revolution, international business, Africa, women’s leadership, human rights, intercultural relations and international culture – and were led by speakers of varied national, ethnic, religious, political and ideological backgrounds. Every visitor, forum, presentation, event and partnership associated with our office is planned with the idea of encouraging a better understanding of the world, its people and its diversity. The office director, and the Diplomacy Program director, also served on the National Planners Board of the Zora Neale Hurston Festival.

**Goal Five: Be America's leading partnership university**

Partnerships and collaboration with other groups and institutions are key to achieving our mission. The United Way Women’s Leadership Council, founded and chaired for the past five years by the vice president of Community Relations, brought awareness and funding to United Way efforts to help Central Florida families experiencing economic hardship, build safe communities through education, and develop healthy children and families. The group’s signature fundraising event, championed by the vice president, was attended by over 800 community and
business leaders, and resulted in over $100,000 raised for United Way.

The UCF Community Council, created to strengthen communication with civic, business and community leaders in eastern Orange and Seminole counties, continued its quarterly meetings during FY 2012. Division staff facilitated the meetings which covered topics such as Pegasus Clinic and what it means for the university’s immediate neighbors, UCF Athletics update, as well as an annual state of the university address.

Division staff sponsored and coordinated every aspect of the UCF’s team efforts in the American Heart Association Heart Walk, including kick off activities, coordination of mass distribution communications, promotional videos development, recognition ceremony, among others. The annual event brought over 450 students, staff and faculty together, raising more than $40,000 for research. UCF ranked fifth out of 103 companies based on total funds raised.

Community Relations worked closely with area chambers of commerce by participating, guiding, sponsoring and hosting events. Community relations staff played key roles in specific chambers based on geographic location and relevance to university’s strategic direction. During FY 11-12, the director of Community Relations chaired the board of directors for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the
Winter Park Chamber of Commerce; two of the most respected, and established chambers of commerce in Central Florida. In addition, the office of Community Relations oversees university membership in the following chambers:

- African-American Chamber
- Apopka Chamber
- East Orlando Chamber
- Goldenrod Chamber
- Hispanic Chamber
- Kissimmee/Orlando Chamber
- Orlando, Inc.
- Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber
- Seminole Regional Chamber
- West Orange Chamber
- Winter Park Chamber

Along with the UCF News & Information Department, the Office of Community Relations hosted the President’s Focus on Excellence Breakfast in November of 2011, showcasing the newly-minted UCF partnership with PBS and Brevard Community College. The program, attended by more than 350 community and business leaders, highlighted the university’s commitment to public engagement, and public television and encouraged the audience, and PBS viewers, to personally invest in the new station. The breakfast program featured PBS NewsHour anchor Judy Woodruff, who was on hand to celebrate the partnership between PBS, UCF and Brevard Community College and to welcome WUCF TV to the PBS family.

March 2012, marked the 20th anniversary of John C. Hitt’s tenure as the president of the University of Central Florida, and to honor this milestone, the offices of Community Relations and Constituent Relations played a lead role in orchestrating the celebrations, including events on the main campus and in downtown Orlando at the Ballroom at Church Street. Current and former faculty, staff and students were joined by members of the community in honoring Dr. Hitt at the on-campus event hosted by the Office of Constituent Relations on March 1. The following day, over 300 local community leaders and elected officials gathered at the Ballroom at Church Street for a second celebration that coincided with Dr. Hitt’s twice-yearly Focus on Excellence Breakfast series. The vice
The president of Community Relations led both on-campus, and off-campus efforts, and served as executive producer for the development of the video commemorating Dr. Hitt’s 20 years at the university and documenting the expansive growth UCF has experienced with him at the helm.

The Metro Center works directly with external organizations facilitating projects of economic significance to Central Florida. Through sponsorships, committee involvement, and hosting capacity, the Metro Center functions as a community resource.

- In August 2011, the Metro Center hosted a two day Regional Water Workshop coordinated by myregion.org and ULI of Central Florida to discuss water solutions in Central Florida. This was stage two of the water strategy planning and resulted in a white paper and formal presentation in October 2011 also hosted by the Metro Center with approximately 150 people in attendance.

- In July 2011, the Metro Center hosted “Real Estate Economics in Planning” for the ULI of Central Florida. This program geared towards young leaders in urban planning was attended by approximately 30 people.

- In July 2011, the Metro Center coordinated and secured Seminole County Commission Chair Brenda Carey for a ULI member-to-member breakfast focusing on growth management issues in Orange and Seminole counties. Orange County Commissioner Ted Edwards also spoke at the event attended by approximately 35 attorneys, developers and ULI members.

Relationships are critical elements of a successful metropolitan university. The Metro Center fosters outreach and engagement on a variety of levels.

- With knowledge of the external community, the Metro Center frequently invites faculty and staff members to address public audiences in areas reflecting their expertise. Dr. Sean Snaith, Dr. Randy Anderson, Dr. Jeff Turnbull, Associate Vice President Fred Kittinger, Dr. John Hitt, Dr. David Mealor and Dr. Cecelia Rivers and many others worked with the Metro Center throughout the Central Florida area.

- Chambers of commerce play an important role across the Division of Community Relations. In May 2012, the Metro Center director chaired the Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Economic Summit.
The director secured the keynote speaker, Florida Education Commissioner, Gerard Robinson and panel for the event “Strategic Education: Our Workforce of Tomorrow.” The director also secured and coordinated with all panelists, holding multiple preparation and planning sessions. Content for the panel was researched and written by the director. Approximately 180 people attended the event.

- The Metro Center director, representing the Metro Center and UCF as an unbiased and neutral community resource, facilitated public forums and events with regional partners. In May 2012, the director coordinated panel participants, provided content, and moderated the West Orange Chamber of Commerce Annual Orange County Commission Luncheon with five of six Orange County Commissioners. Approximately 175 people attended the event.

- Metro Center Outlook is a WUCF TV program shown throughout nine counties in Central Florida on the PBS channel. The director coordinated and identified guests, engaged in research, and wrote and developed program content for 24 shows. The director also hosted the 24 shows and served as executive producer. For a complete list of Metro Outlook Shows, including guest information and contents, advancing goal five, please see addendum 1.

- The Metro Center in partnership with the Orlando Sentinel created an ongoing series of forums entitled Florida Forward: Conversations About the Future. Five live forums were held this year focusing on topics relevant to Central Florida. The director co-hosted these programs with the Sentinel’s senior editorial staff working closely on content. The programs are live streamed on the day of the events and also videotaped and shown on WUCF TV, YouTube, the Metro Center website and the Sentinel website as Metro Center Presents. All the events received coverage in the Orlando Sentinel before and after the programs took place. For a brief summary of the five programs co-hosted with the Orlando Sentinel, advancing goal five, please see addendum 1.

- The Metro Center continued its partnership with myregion.org regarding a regional water strategy. The Metro Center director served on the Water Steering Committee and facilitated community outreach efforts by hosting a two day strategy workshop in August 2012 resulting in a white paper and a public presentation of those findings held in October 2012. Both events took place in the UCF Downtown Executive Center.

- The Metro Center hosted at the UCF Downtown Executive Center and sponsored a number of forums for the Urban Land Institute including “Real Estate Economics in Planning” in July 2012, and “Community Design and the Bottom Line” in October 2012. The Metro Center sponsored and served on the program committee for “Real Estate: Building Polk County’s Success” in February 2012. More than 350 people attended this event held at Polk County Community College. The Metro Center sponsored the “ULI of Central Florida’s Real Estate Trends Conference held in March 2012. The director coordinated UCF speakers and served as panel moderator for Dr. Randy Anderson and Dr. Jeff Turnbull’s segment of the program.
The Office of Global Perspectives engaged in partnerships (local to international) to accomplish every initiative, with 173 organizations to date. Examples include:

- Florida Network for Global Studies (six state universities),
- Global Connections Foundation (38 organizations),
- The India Group,
- Zora Neale Hurston Festival,
- Seminole High School,
- Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission,
- Dr. Phillips High School,
- Orlando Area Committee on Foreign Relations,
- U.S. Department of State,
- Association of Opinion Journalists,
- U.S. Institute of Peace,
- Small Countries Financial Management Programme (Isle of Man),
- American Security Project,
- Global Counter-Terrorism Network (20 partners),
- The India Program,
- Kurdish Political Studies Initiative,
- China-Taiwan Cross-Strait Program, and
- Global Peace and Security Studies Program

Constituent Relations staff provided event logistical support for all Town and Gown events. The Town and Gown Council is a community-based organization; membership is comprised of representatives from the Central Florida community (Town) and representatives of the UCF community (Gown). Also, Constituent Relations staff partnered with the East Orlando and Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional chambers of commerce to provide staff and logistical support during the co-hosted 2012 East Side Hob Nob. The hob nob, the second sponsored jointly by the two chambers, was held on the university campus, at Bright House Networks Stadium, and was attended by over 600 attendees and more than 50 candidates for local, state and federal offices. For a complete listing, and summary, of Constituent Relations activities, advancing goal five, please see addendum 3.

As a university that emphasizes the importance of partnerships, economic challenge has offered opportunity to leverage the power of working with others to the benefit of key community non-profits. This service partnership supports community non-profit organizations creating a better quality of life for the regional population. In FY 2012, as evidence of her long history advancing the mission of key community non-profits while advancing the mission of the university, Vice President Donegan was awarded the 2011 Women’s Resource Center Summit Award, presented to an individual who has demonstrated remarkable work for the community.
CONSTITUENT RELATIONS

Addendum # 1

List of Activities Advancing Goal One

- **President’s Leadership Council**
  - August 31, 2011 National Scholars Reception
  - September 9, 2011 – Florida Lottery Bright Futures Ice Cream Social
  - September 9, 2011 – PLC Parent Reception
  - September 17, 2011 – PLC American Heart Association “Heart Walk” Team
  - October 28, 2011 – PLC Fall Team-Building Social
  - November 17, 2011 – PLC Thanksgiving at the Marketplace Recruitment Luncheon
  - February 3-4, 2012 – PLC Mid-Year Training Retreat Weekend
  - April 16, 2012 – PLC End-of-the-Year Service Recognition Dinner
  - April 27-28, 2012 – PLC New Member Training Retreat Weekend

- **Commencement**
  
  Summer, Fall, Spring 2011-2012

  Commencement is a significant occasion in the life of a student. It marks the completion of a period of studying, learning, developing, adapting, accomplishing and contributing. The University of Central Florida reached a milestone during the Thursday, May 3, commencement ceremonies when the 200,000th alumnus received a degree. Wendell Raulerson II received his Bachelor of Music during the 9 a.m. ceremony from the College of Arts & Humanities. Although Raulerson is the 200,000th alumnus, UCF reached its 231,278th degree because some graduates have earned multiple degrees.

- **Faculty and A&P Reception**
  
  August 15, 2011

  Hosted by the president, this annual reception welcomes faculty and staff (new and returning), updates them on the state of the university, and encourages them to meet and form lasting relationships. 400 faculty and staff attended this event and were encouraged to continue “to offer the best undergraduate education.”

- **Faculty Senate Reception**
  
  August 25, 2011

  This annual reception welcomes new members to the Faculty Senate and thanks returning members for their continued service to the students, faculty and staff.
• **National Merit Scholars Reception**

   **August 31, 2011**

   This annual reception is held to host and welcome the National Merit Scholars to the university and introduce them to university administrators. Over 100 were in attendance including National Merit Scholars, faculty, staff and administrators. UCF enrolled 74 scholars this academic year, again placing the university among the top 50 schools in the country for the number of scholars enrolled and second-highest in the state for first-time-in-college students.

• **Florida Lottery Ice Cream Social**

   **September 9, 2011**

   *Florida Lottery officials partnered with Constituent Relation’s staff to promote awareness that $444.5 million in lottery revenue benefited UCF Bright Futures scholars. Over 200 UCF Bright Futures scholarship recipients and their parents attended this first annual ice cream social on Memory Mall to hear from local elected officials and featured speakers, Florida Lottery Secretary Cynthia O’Connell and Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson.*

• **Career Services Experiential Learning Building Grand Opening**

   **September 19, 2011**

   This event marked a significant achievement for UCF students who will benefit from the nationally recognized and award-winning Offices of Career Services and Experiential Learning. Both have been recognized for excellent services and career-related opportunities with employers in our city-state and beyond. This project was driven by students and for students, and the continued support of many private and employer donors.

   Attendees were invited to tour the state-of-the-art facilities for students, enjoy light refreshments, and heard from several speakers including President Hitt, Vice President Maribeth Ehasz, and Elliot Vittes, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies.
List of Events Advancing Goal Three

- Morgridge International Reading Center Grand Opening

  September 26, 2011

  - Coordinated in partnership with the College of Education, this grand opening recognized donors John and Carrie Morgridge and the Morgridge Family Foundation, who supported the construction of this facility that is home to a collective national and global effort to enhance literacy acquisition and instruction for PreK-20. The grand opening also featured the collaboration among authors, practitioner and research scholars that will ultimately lead to the implementation of action-based programs formulated on evidence-based research and focus on teaching all students to read well.

  - The grand opening attracted more than 225 local and national educators while promoting the center’s core values of literacy, service, access, and research. The center’s focus to “bring people and ideas together” while learning, researching, communicating, and collaborating was reflected throughout the speaking program and facility tours.

List of Events Advancing Goal Five

- College Board Fall Counselor Workshop

  September 22, 2011

  UCF has partnered with the College Board for more than 12 years in hosting the Fall Counselor Workshop. The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. The College Board serves over three million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools and 3,500 colleges through major
programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment and teaching and learning.

- **College of Medicine Community Open House**
  
  October 16, 2011

This Community Open House marked the one year anniversary of the grand opening celebration of the UCF College of Medicine’s new $65 million state-of-the-art medical education building at Lake Nona to the Central Florida community. The purpose of this event was to remind the community that this is “the medical school that belongs to us all.” More than 2,500 attendees enjoyed a variety of self-guided activities, including tours of the facility, interactive educational experiences, fun family activities and sports on Tavistock Green. The event raised over $72,000 for the purpose of medical education. Constituent Relations staff partnered with development staff from the College of Medicine to plan, administer and execute all event logistics. The university’s “leading partnership” goal was evident throughout the event with a total of 30 local food/beverage partners and in-kind vendors donating their products, services, and time.

- **Campus Compact Gala**
  
  October 20, 2011

Campus Compact celebrated their 20th anniversary with this annual awards gala, held at the UCF Arena. Campus Compact is the only national higher education association of almost 1,200 college and university presidents—representing more than 6 million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. These institutions put into practice the ideal of civic engagement by sharing knowledge and resources with their communities. Constituent Relations staff partnered with Campus Compact national representatives at their milestone awards gala to promote and showcase members who advance the public purposes of colleges and universities by deepening their ability to improve community life and to educate students on civic and social responsibility.

- **President’s Appreciation Receptions**
  
  - November 1, 2011 - President’s Medallion Society and Trust Society Reception at FAIRWINDS Alumni Center
  - November 7, 2011 - Colbourn Society Reception at the Burnett House
Constituent Relations staff, working in conjunction with the UCF Foundation development staff, planned, administered and executed all event logistics relating to the two separate donor appreciation receptions. These receptions are held to recognize and honor those who have been faithful and loyal contributors to the university.

- **Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer 2012 State of the City Address**

  February 29, 2012

  Office of Constituent Relations staff partnered with College of Medicine staff and the City of Orlando’s Office of Communications & Neighborhood Relations staff to host the State of the City address by Mayor Buddy Dyer at the Lewis Auditorium at the Health Sciences Campus. The campus was specifically selected by Mayor Dyer for this year’s State of the City address to raise awareness of the projected impact of the Medical City to Orlando’s economy. More than 200 community friends joined elected officials and local media outlets to hear the mayor’s report on the economic and high-tech impact.

- **John C. Hitt—Celebrating 20 Years of Leadership**

  March 1, 2012

  The Office of Constituent Relations led campus efforts celebrating the 20th anniversary of Dr. John C. Hitt, UCF’s fourth president, and currently the longest-serving leader among Florida’s 11 state universities. Constituent Relations staff created an exhibit, “John C. Hitt: Twenty Years of Leadership,” at the UCF Library that chronicled notable milestones with pictures, postcards, awards, placards, signed sporting goods, and other memorabilia to highlight the tenure of the president and UCF First Lady Martha Hitt.

  This milestone occasion also brought together over 600 members of the campus community at an on-campus event that featured university and community friends who celebrated the two-decade tenure and the many accomplishments during this time of President Hitt and First Lady Martha Hitt.
• **Odyssey of the Mind**
  
  April 14, 2012

A partnership with the state executive board of the Odyssey of the Mind to host the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament at the University of Central Florida. This single event had approximately 1,600 student participants (from kindergarten to college-age) with an overall total of more than 5,000 attendees.

In coordinating such a large event, it takes the teamwork and cooperation of many UCF partners. This event further advances the university’s “leading partnership” goal by relying on a partnership between the Odyssey state executive board, the Office of Constituent Relations, the UCF Student Union, UCF Arena, UCF Police, UCF Dining Services, and the many, many volunteers of Odyssey of the Mind that make this program a success. The Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament has returned to the UCF campus each year since 2000.

• **Science Olympiad National Tournament**
  
  May 18-19, 2012

UCF served as host site for this national tournament in its 28th year. The Office of Constituent Relations staff consulted with staff from the College of Engineering & Computer Science to ensure more than 5,000 participants and family members enjoyed their visit to the campus.

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 science education, increasing male, female and minority interest in science, creating a technologically literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by both students and teachers. Secondary school teams who advanced to this national tournament are awarded individual medals and championship trophies for each division, along with cash and tuition scholarship offers.

• **Junior Achievement Reception**
  
  June 7, 2012

This reception supports the university’s “leading partnership” goal by recognizing and celebrating UCF’s participation with Junior Achievement, an organization that educates and inspires youth to improve the quality of their lives. The partnership began in 2004 and this year alone over 2,000 UCF students taught JA classes reaching over 40,000 students in 146 local elementary and middle schools. UCF students provided more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service in support of public education. The partnership between UCF and Junior Achievement is the largest in the nation.
September 2011: Governor Rick Scott
He vaulted into the Florida political spotlight by capturing the GOP nomination for the governor over a better known opponent and then going on to become Florida’s 45th Chief Executive. Since then, Rick Scott has pushed for major changes and cuts in state government, even clashing with his own party about how to bring that about.

October 2011: Paul Tash
So what is the future of news publishing? Paul Tash is not only the CEO and Chairman of Times Publishing Company, as editor for the Tampa Bay Times, Tash oversees a Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper considered among the nation’s best and one of the top 25 by circulation.

October 2011: Mayor Buddy Dyer
He’s advocated for downtown development and fought political battles for a controversial commuter rail system. Orlando has been changed and challenged during Dyer’s terms. Learn more about his vision of Central Florida and the future.

October 2011: Rick Walsh
From getting Florida’s Blood Centers back on track to a leadership role at one of the largest universities in the country—UCF—we’ll talk to a man who’s devoted much of his life to making our community a better place.

November 2011: Veteran’s Day Special
Democracy. Freedom. Honor. The men and women of the U.S. military put their lives on the line to protect these values. How have two Central Florida combat-wounded veterans turned their experiences into advocacy for other service members and veterans?

November 2011: Rasesh Thakkar
What began as a dream development, is now a true medical city sprouting from acreage near Orlando International Airport. We’ll hear from Rasesh Thakkar, one of the key people who helped make that dream a reality.

November 2011: Dave Krepcho
The economic downturn has hit Florida hard. Since the recession of 2007, the number of people turning to food pantries has grown. The Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida has found innovative ways
to get food to the hungry. We’ll talk with its president and CEO, Dave Krepcho, about the challenges of meeting the need and trying to end hunger in Central Florida.

**November 2011: General Tom Baptiste**

When the future of Florida’s economy is discussed, at its core is diversification. A centerpiece of that future is the simulation industry. Join General Tom Baptiste, executive director of the National Institute for Simulation for a discussion as we examine the huge potential for simulation and its growth in the sunshine state.

**January 18, 2012: Senator Bob Graham, Part One**

Bob Graham served two terms as Florida’s governor and three terms as U.S. Senator. He co-chaired the investigation into the 9/11 attacks and helped establish the 9/11 Commission. Join us as he discusses his newest book, *Keys to the Kingdom*, a fictional thriller about the world of terrorism and unrest in the Middle East.

**January 25, 2012: Senator Bob Graham, Part Two**

Are Americans safe? With terrorism, weapons of mass destruction and bio threats, is the government doing enough to protect us? How have agencies like the Department of Homeland Security affected our everyday lives? We’ll continue our conversation with former Senator Bob Graham and gather his insights into our national security.

**February 1, 2012: Senator Mel Martinez**

Mel Martinez arrived in Florida as a 15-year-old Cuban refugee. He began his political career here in Central Florida and quickly rose to national prominence holding such positions as U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary. In 2004 he became the first Cuban-American in the U.S. Senate. He joins us to talk about immigration reform, Florida’s booming trade with Latin America and more.

**February 8, 2012: Dr. Carol Eaton**

Once seen as a starting point for those pursuing higher education, community and state colleges have evolved into much more. With enrollment booming, what is their new role? Carol Eaton, president of Daytona State College discusses changing perceptions and how they are contributing to the new knowledge-based economy.

**February 15, 2012: Dr. Alan Stern**

There’s much optimism among experts and lawmakers about space exploration and its impact on Florida’s economy but uncertainties remain. What is NASA’s new role? Will space tourism thrive? Research scientist and policy and budget expert, Dr. Alan Stern, joins us to talk about the space industry and life after the shuttle at KSC.
February 22, 2012: Dr. John Hitt, Part One
His leadership has helped the University of Central Florida thrive as the second largest university in the nation. We’ll talk with President Hitt about his 20 years as UCF’s leader, some of his accomplishments, and his emergence as an advocate for the community and the importance of partnerships.

February 29, 2012: Dr. John Hitt, Part Two
John Hitt is a regional leader who has helped UCF achieve great success through his commitment to exceptional education, innovative research and unwavering belief in partnering with the community. Join us as he talks about UCF and its future, his role in the community and what comes next.

March 2012: Judy Woodruff
You might know her as one of the faces of PBS and as a veteran of the television news industry who has advocated for the role of women in the media. Join Judy Woodruff, host of the PBS NewsHour for a discussion of public media enterprises, funding challenges and the changing face of the media.

April 11, 2012: Judge Belvin Perry
Chief Judge Belvin Perry oversees the third largest judicial circuit in Florida. He’s navigated the system through budget woes, staffing challenges and the stresses that have come with a plethora of high profile cases. Join us as Judge Perry talks about the judicial system and his time on the bench.

April 18, 2012: Christopher Steiner
How dependent is America on oil? How would American lives be transformed if gas prices were to rise into double digits per gallon? Author of the New York Times bestseller “$20 per Gallon,” Christopher Steiner talks about how American life will transition as the cost of gasoline rises.

April 25, 2012: Pam Iorio
Former Mayor of Tampa Pam Iorio draws from three decades of experience in business and public service for her book “Straightforward: Ways to Live and Lead.” Join us as the former mayor discusses partisan politics, the value of compromise, and strategies for effective, pragmatic leadership.

May 2, 2012: Rick Weddle
What does it take to bring businesses to Central Florida? How can we help local businesses thrive? Rick Weddle, president and CEO of the MetroOrlando EDC joins us to discuss the important roles partnerships and the community play in business development.

May 9, 2012: Ilene Wilkins
Education, therapy and support are critical for children and families affected by disabilities. We’ll talk to Ilene Wilkins, president and CEO of UCP Central Florida, about advocacy, fundraising and the innovative inclusion model taught in UCP schools.
May 16, 2012: Gary Sain
From Mickey Mouse to legos to Harry Potter and more, Orlando has earned a reputation as a leading tourist destination. How crucial is tourism to Central Florida’s economy? Join us as Gary Sain, president and CEO of Visit Orlando discusses tourism’s regional impact, international visitors, and strategies for the future.

May 23, 2012: Randy Berridge
The Florida High Tech Corridor Council is home to hundreds of students, scientists, and business people dedicated to pushing the research and commercialization envelope. We’ll talk with council president, Randy Berridge, about Florida’s thriving innovation industry and the economic outlook for Central Florida.

May 30, 2012: Gerard Robinson
What is the best way to create world-class public schools in Florida? With an increasingly knowledge-based economy driven by innovation, how important is STEM education? We’ll talk with Gerard Robinson, Florida’s Education Commissioner, about our schools, our children, and the future.

List of Metro Center and Orlando Sentinel Co-hosted Programs Advancing Goal Five

Florida Forward: Conversations About the Future

September 2012 Conversations About the Future: Education Reform
Charter schools, merit pay, accountability, choice, testing—education reform, what have we accomplished in the last decade? Are we doing all the best we can for our children? What is best? More than 350 people attended this event featuring former Florida Governor Jeb Bush as a keynote speaker.

November 2012 Conversations About the Future: The Jobs Challenge
Uncertainty keeps holding back Central Florida’s job market. How do we get our economy moving again? More than 300 people attended this event featuring former U.S. Senator Mel Martinez.
February 2012 Conversations About the Future: Building a Better Sports Town
As the sports world turned its attention to Orlando for the NBA All Star Game, this panel discussed making Central Florida a better destination for sports and the economic ramifications. More than 250 people attended this event featuring UCF President John Hitt and Magic CEO and President Alex Martins.

March 2012 Conversations About the Future: Orlando Mayoral Debate
Four candidates for Orlando City Mayor discussed issues and platforms before a live audience of 125 people in the UCF Downtown Executive Center.

June 2012 Conversations About the Future: Confronting Homelessness
The forum discussed lack of shelter space, the need for widespread cooperation among government, non profits, churches and individuals as well as the need for more business involvement. More than 225 people attended the event featuring Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer and State House Representative Darryl Rouson.
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
Addendum # 3
List of Programs Featuring Distinguished Visitors Advancing Goal One

Visitors (Global Perspectives Distinguished Visitors, sponsored or co-sponsored, along with other official guests, on and off campus). Total of 37 individual visitors (including two with more than one visit).

- Anthony Shadid, Pulitzer Prize-winning Middle East correspondent and author of *Night Draws Near*, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). September 1, 2011.
- Ramesh Ponnuru, senior editor at *The National Review* and specialist on U.S. national and Asian trends, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). September 6, 2011.
- Rose Mapendo, human-rights advocate and survivor of genocide in the Congo, with multiple presentations (UCF and community), moderated by Amb. Elam-Thomas. September 20, 2011.
- Kahlil Byrd, chief executive officer, Americans Elect, an online nominating process for the U.S. presidency, speaking on U.S. elections, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). September 26, 2011.
- Mohamed Younis, senior analyst at the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, Washington, D.C., with multiple presentations (UCF and community). September 29, 2011.
- Roya Hakakian, award-winning journalist, with a focus on Iran and human rights, and the author of *Assassins of the Turquoise Palace*, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). October 4, 2011.
- Peter Bergen, CNN national security analyst, terrorism specialist and author of *The Osama bin Laden I Know*, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). October 11, 2011.
- Helle Dale, senior fellow for public diplomacy, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., speaking on people power and the Middle East, with multiple presentations (UCF). October 13, 2011.
• Sam Graham-Felsen, global emerging-media specialist, speaking on people power and elections, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). October 13, 2011.
• Stephen McDowell, director, School of Communication, Florida State University, speaking on people power in India, with multiple presentations (UCF). October 13, 2011.
• Dr. Samantha Nutt, medical doctor and author of Damned Nations, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). October 25, 2011.
• Peter Thum, founder of Ethos Water and environmentalist, speaking on water issues, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). November 1, 2011.
• Bing West, correspondent and author of The Wrong War, speaking on Iraq and Afghanistan, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). November 8, 2011.
• Arun Gandhi, peace activist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, speaking on nonviolence, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). November 10, 2011.
• Mariane Pearl, journalist and author of In Search of Hope and A Mighty Heart, speaking on political violence and global citizenship, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). November 14, 2011.
• Scott Kastner, China specialist and professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, speaking on the significance of Taiwan’s election, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). January 10, 2012.
• Rachel Louise Synder, award-winning writer and author of Fugitive Denim, speaking on global trade, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). January 19, 2012.
• Tina Rosenberg, Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator for The New York Times and author of Join the Club, speaking on peer pressure, social media and political change, with multiple audiences (UCF and community). February 2, 2012.
• Tim Cullen, director of the Oxford Programme on Negotiation, Oxford University, and executive director, Small Countries Financial Management Centre, Isle of Man, speaking on global negotiating and small countries’ finances, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). February 13-14, 2012.
• Peter Long, chairman, Capital International Group, Isle of Man, speaking on small countries and their role in the world, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). February 13-14, 2012.
• Jed Horne, award-winning writer and author of Breach of Faith, speaking on emergency preparedness and catastrophic weather, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). February 14, 2012.
• Jeremy Scahill, award-winning journalist and author of Blackwater, speaking on mercenary armies, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). March 20, 2012.
• Alexandra Cousteau, environmentalist and granddaughter of Jacques Cousteau, speaking on protecting global water resources, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). March 27, 2012.
• James McBride, award-winning writer and author of *The Color of Water*, speaking on society, change and multiculturalism, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). March 31, 2012.

• Michael Graziano, deputy program manager, MICECP, speaking on careers in the military intelligence field, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). April 3, 2012.

• Ayesha Khanna, director of the Hybrid Reality Institute, speaking on the “hybrid age,” with multiple presentations (UCF and community). April 12, 2012.

• James Bacchus, former chief judge, WTO court, and international attorney, speaking on U.S.-China trade, with a presentation at UCF. April 12, 2012.

• Sarah Lacy, technology and entrepreneurship specialist/author, speaking on the secrets of top global entrepreneurs, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). April 12, 2012.

• Ernest Jones, director, Tivoli Software (IBM), speaking on technology and business in Africa, with a presentation at UCF. April 12, 2012.

• Anita Spring, Africa specialist and professor at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, speaking on Africa’s business environment, with a presentation at UCF. April 12, 2012.

• Tim Cullen, director of the Oxford Programme on Negotiation, Oxford University, speaking on Europe’s global reach and negotiating techniques, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). April 10-12, 2012.

• Ning Wang, project manager, Wermland Chamber of Commerce, Sweden, speaking on doing business in China, with multiple presentations (UCF and community). April 12, 2012.


**List of Forum on International Topics Advancing Goal Three**

Forums on International Topics (sponsored or co-sponsored, on and off campus). Total of 10 (including one with four parts) forums.

• “The UCF LIFE Terrorism Series,” organized by GP and featuring Dr. Stephen Sloan, UCF main campus. September 20, 2011.


• “People Power, Politics and Global Change.” An international global issues conference featuring multiple speakers and presenters (moderated by John Bersia), UCF main campus. October 13, 2011.
“Global Youth and the New Media.” A regional forum, in cooperation with Rollins College and the Global Connections Foundation, featuring multiple speakers and presenters (moderated by John Bersia), Rollins College, Winter Park, FL. October 20, 2011.


“UCF Community Summit on Environment and Global Climate Change 2012.” A regional forum and co-curricular component of the UCF General Education Program Unifying Theme (co-sponsored by GP), featuring multiple speakers and presenters, UCF main campus. March 27, 2012.


Affiliations:

**Helen Donegan, Vice President**  
- Chair Emerita, Board Member, American Heart Association  
- – Metro Orlando  
- High Level Advocate, Greater Southeast Affiliate, AHA  
- Host Committee, Athena Leadership Luncheon 2012  
- Co-Chair, Patrons, Mennello Museum Gala  
- Co-Chair, Women’s Leadership Council, Heart of Florida United Way  
- Board of Directors, Fifth Third Bank  
- Board Member Emerita, BankFirst, Winter Park and Oviedo Branches  
- Board Member, Florida Executive Women  
- Past Chair, Board Member, Board of Governors, Citrus Club  
- Board Member Emerita, Orlando Repertory Theatre  
- Advisory Committee, Women Who Mean Business, Orlando Business Journal  
- Founder, Friends of Helen, Executive Women’s Networking Group  
- 2010 H. Clifford Lee Award Recipient, Association of Fundraising Professionals  
- 2011 Women’s Resource Center Summit Award Recipient  

**Diane Trees, Ed.D., Associate Vice President, Division of Community Relations, and Director, Metro Center**  
- Past Chair, Lifetime Board Member, West Orange Chamber of Commerce  
- Past Chair, Member, Florida Executive Women  
- Member, UCF Town & Gown Council  
- Member, Florida Association for Women in Education  
- Member, Executive Board of Advisors, myregion.org  
- Executive Board Member, Urban Land Institute of Central Florida  
- Past Chair, Board Member, West Orange Committee of 101  
- Ex Officio Board Member, Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce  
- Member, Advisory Council, College of Health and Public Affairs Urban Planning Program  
- Member, Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee  
- Chair, Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Economic Summit Committee  
- Member, ULI of Central Florida Program Committee  
- Member, Florida Executive Women Scholarship Committee

**Glenna Oro, Assistant Vice President**  
**Division of Community Relations**  
- UCF Town & Gown Council, Board Member and University Liaison  
- Burnett House, Manager  
- Mennello Museum of American Art, Gala Committee Member
Maritza Martinez, Assistant Vice President
Division of Community Relations, and
Director, Community Relations Office

- Chair (2012), Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2010 - Present)
- Member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee (2010-Present)
- Chair (2012), Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2009 - Present)
- Member, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee (2011-Present)
- Member, Valencia Community College Take Stock in Children Advisory Board, (2011)
- Member, BlueCross & BlueShield of Florida Multicultural Statewide Advisory Council (2011-Present)
- Member, Orange County Public School Superintendent Search Committee (2012)
- Company Leader, UCF Team, American Heart Association Heart Walk (2005 - Present)
- Member, City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission (2005 – Present)
- Chair, Chamber Coalition Capitol Connection Committee (2005 – Present)
- UCF Liaison, Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando (2006 – Present)
- Member, East Orlando Chamber of Commerce South East Business Council (2007-Present)
- Member, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee (2009 - Present)

John Bersia, Director
Global Perspectives Office, and
Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives

- Chair, Global Connections Foundation
- President, Georgetown Club of Metro Orlando
- Chair, UCF Global Perspectives External Internationalization Advisory Committee
- Board Member and International Affairs Committee Chair, Association of Opinion Journalists
- Chair (2011-2012) and Founding Member, Florida Network for Global Studies

- Member, Alumni and Friends of the London School of Economics
- Member, UCF International Affairs Committee
- Board Member, Lou Frey Institute
- National Planners Board Member, Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts & Humanities
- Board Member, Florida-China Association
- Director of Development for Global Perspectives, UCF Foundation
- Board Member, Chelonian Research Institute
- Founding Member and Speakers Committee Chair, Orlando Area Committee on Foreign Relations
Ana Petkov, Director
Office of Constituent Relations

- Coordinator, UCF President’s Leadership Council
- Lifetime Member, UCF Alumni Association
- Chair, Leadership Spirit Award Committee—UCF Live United Campaign
- Chair, Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Committee—UCF Live United Campaign
- Member, UCF Alumni Association Scholarship Committee
- Team Leader, Walt Disney World Marathon Start/Finish Medals, 10th consecutive year
- Member, UCF Women’s Club
- Liaison, American Heart Association President’s Leadership Council Team
- Member, Mennello Museum of American Art The Art Events Council Committee
- Member, International Special Events Society
- Member, Mayor Richard T. Crotty Valencia-UCF Alumni 2+2 Scholarship Committee
- Member, UCF Homecoming Committee

Shannon O’Donoghue, Assistant Director
Office of Constituent Relations

- Member, VP Membership Orlando Chapter, and Orlando WOW Awards Committee: International Special Events Society
- Auction Chair: National Association of Catering Executives Grand Tour Gala
- Member: Mennello Museum of American Art Gala Planning Committee
- Founding Co-Chair: UCF Art Alumni Chapter
- Member: UCF Community Volunteers Alumni Chapter Member
- Team Captain, and Walker: American Heart Association Greater Orlando Heart Walk
- Member: UCF Homecoming Committee